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The Readers Always Write



WHO? ME?

Dear Editors:

We have just subscribed to CATS magazine but now we shall never be without it. We have two Siamese kittens—a sober one named Swami Chandu and a whimsical one called Nai Siki. Each of them in his own right means more to us than words could possibly describe.

Just recently, all four of us returned from a motor trip to California. It was the first time they had taken such an extensive trip. They were real travelers and quite adaptable to conditions and situations. However, when we were within a block of our home, the purring yowls became terrific.

We almost had a misfortune and I would suggest that anyone traveling with cats should check windows in their stopping place before retiring. The screen was loose in the bathroom window and sometime during the night Siki made his exit. When we discovered him missing, I was frantic. I started checking windows and when I got to the one in the bathroom, there was Swami scratching at the sill as if to show what had happened. I looked out the window and there, a few feet away, was Siki. He was rather bedraggled but wonderfully unharmed. Our motel was located very near the highway and in the midst of desert an brush—just the thing for a curious kitten.

My husband and I both think our cats are the smartest ones ever. They have a vocabulary of about twenty words including: play, candy, chicken, outside, back door and no. They "help" with the laundry and sewing and cry when they know I am going to leave the house. They detest loud little children and veterinarians and make it known by opening their mouths wide and letting go with a very audible hiss. They are great acrobats and thrive on applause.

We should like to mention that Nai Siki is a descendant of Imported Ch. Oriental Nanki Pooh of Newton. Swami is from quite a line of champions. We do enjoy seeing pictures of their relatives in the magazine and it is surprising to see such close resemblances.

Thank you for publishing such a fine magazine on the finest animal in the world.

Mrs. Jack Simion
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Jefferson City, Mo.

QUITE A COME DOWN

Dear Editors:

All cats may not be of a jealous disposition, but the Siamese cat who is our family pet is certainly inclined that way. One day he ascended high into a tree; so high, in fact, that he was afraid to start the downward trip. Holding up offerings of his favorite foods failed to budge him. Then I remembered his jealous streak. Picking up another cat that makes her home at our house, I held her and began petting her. This proved too much for the Siamese . . . and disregarding his fright, down he came.

W. A. Black

Lawson, Missouri



CANADIAN CANDY

I own, or rather, am owned by four Domestic Shorthairs. Each of which is a law unto itself. They differ in individuality just as they differ in color.

I have one tiger, one jet black, a tortie and a red tabby with a white vest. They all enjoy music, love flowers and good clean food. The oldest is eleven and youngest is one year. I am enclosing a snapshot of Candy who sends greetings from Canada to all American cats.

Mrs. M. B. Beach

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CLASS DISTINCTION

Dear Editors:

I would like to suggest that in listing the winners of the Cat Shows throughout the country that you also list the winners of the Household Pet Class. I am sure that these owners are just as proud of their pets as those winners of other classes. As a matter of fact the most touching scene I ever witnessed at a Cat Show was a family of six children and their parents actually shedding tears of joy over their pet's winning of the Best Household Pet Rosette.

Another suggestion that I would like



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COVER

Curiosity came close to killing this little kitten. Luckily, though, she escaped with but a few minor cuts on the leg, tail, and neck, and due to her veterinarian's skill will soon be as well as ever. By George Pickow from Three Lions. His pictures showing other felines at the doctor's will be found on pages 8 and 9.

to offer, that probably is not feasible because of the excessive cost, would be to have your magazine in the waiting rooms of every small animal hospital in the country. This would afford an opportunity for many cat owners to see your wonderful magazine and become subscribers.

Sid Glotter

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YOU DON'T LOOK A DAY OVER

Dear Editors:

I thought you might want to publish this picture in CATS magazine. This Grey Persian I have owned since birth in 1940. There were four kittens in the litter. His two brothers just died this past summer. One was put to sleep because of an incurable disease and the other died from old age. I thought it as unusual for three kittens of one litter to live 15 years. This one that I have is getting along fine.

Mrs. M. C. Booker

Kincaid, Kansas

STRANGER WITH A KING-SIZE PURR

By Carl Kohler

I was sprawled comfortably on the couch watching the rain slanting through the pines and feeling intensely sorry for people who have to live anywhere but on the edge of the woods, when Friend Wife appeared in the doorway.

"Guess what!" she babbled happily. Her eyes gleamed with sheer, undeniable happiness. Her wide grin radiated joyful excitement.

"Another stray cat?"

"How did you guess?" A little of her zest evaporated in sudden caution. "Did you see him come out of the woods? Isn't he absolutely the most gorgeous thing you ever saw!"

"Ummmmmm," I stated noncommittally.

When you've been married to a cat-enthusiast for a number of years, seen countless cats arrive and find a home and observed your cat-enthusiast's familiar joy with each new feline—it's a cinch to know what's going on, given a good squint at her enchanted expression. But I always play it mysterious. It adds spice to our relationship.

"Come on," she begged, "I'm going to see how he takes to the others—and how they take to him!"

"Later, dear," I murmured dreamily. I have seen that little drama too many times to get any real charge out of it, anymore. The New Arrival eyes The Established Cats. The Established Cats stare at The New Arrival. Then, one of three things take place: (1) they proclaim instant and eternal enmity, (2) they fall upon each other with restrained affection or (3) they all begin washing, very intently, and postpone respective decisions until later.

Once—and once only—we had a New Arrival step in, regard the Established group of eleven varied cats . . . and flee the premises with what sounded (to me) like a muffled sob of terror.

The coward was probably anti-social and not the sort of cat we wanted, anyway.

But I hated to lose one. In my own manner, I'm very fond of cats. When you've been brought up in a family whose profession was breeding, raising and training fine dogs—and you suddenly discover all your real admiration and interest lies in Catdom . . . I think you can safely be considered a sincere fan of the whisker and claw set.

I particularly like the alley variety. The most regal Siamese doesn't pad across the face of the earth who can wear away my downright fascination for tabby-striped alley cats. Occasionally, I've seen a calico whose intrinsic beauty caught my eye, sometimes I run across an unusually marked cat that I'd give a fancy sum to call mine; but, in the main, the

tabby-striped tigers are still tops with me.

But that doesn't mean I am untouched by the sight of a noble Persian or Maltese. Far from it. We own two of each and they treat me almost as though I weren't lowbrow in my cat tastes.

A sudden eruption of anguished snarls broke through my wool-gathering. Briefly, it sounded as though all eleven of our pets were having two-ply hysteria . . . simultaneously.

I entered the kitchen at a dead run, skidding to a heel-jarring halt at the sight of nine cats huddled on top of the sink, another one trying to claw her way into a cupboard and the remaining one frozen beneath the table with a horrified stare etched across his usually impassive face.

"What's going on out—" I stopped in sheer awe. Words simply and actually failed me. I just stood there—my eyes threatening to leave my head any moment.

Seated beside an empty platter, quietly washing himself with the subdued grace of a royal prince, sat the biggest piece of catfur imaginable. Huge wasn't the word and mammoth only came close. Gigantic almost described him.

He stopped washing and favored me with a fat leer. Mumbling irritably, in the depths of his throat, he flowed majestically out of the room—headed toward the back porch.

"Isn't he beautiful!"

Eleven disturbed cats and I exchanged a haunted look of fright. The red-tabby under the table, *Mister Hell*, moaned softly and looked wildly about for a deeper safety.

"We've never had a Manx before!" Friend Wife shooed the still-nervous cats off the sink and cheerfully began washing

the platter. "Oh, he was a bit feisty when I checked him for fleas—and the poor thing's simply crawling with them—but I'm sure he'll be all right once—"

I finally found my voice where it had been hiding in the lower regions of my stomach.

"Listen!" I grated, "Don't you know a wild cat when one bares a fang at you! Manx, my twitching, tufted tail! *Lynx*, maybe, but more likely plain old woods-variety *WILD CAT!* You're lucky he didn't leave his signature all over you!"

She dropped the platter, it smashed and eleven cats made for the living room like a blurred gaggle of frenzied banshees—their collective throats tuned to open-valve terror.

From the back porch a deep, king-size purr began reverberating. It sounded quite similar to a woodsaw with dull teeth going through hardwood.

"A-A wild cat? Are y-you sure?"

I drummed up my shredded courage and went tippy-toe to the door. Peering carefully around it, I caught sight of The Monster blissfully parked by the stacked firewood—ears cocked to Alert, eyes scrunched shut and neatly curled up like any recently-fed tom. I tippy-toed back.

"Wild cat," I whispered hoarsely.

Motioning Friend Wife to be quiet, I closed and locked the door leading to the back porch. Nothing happened. I resumed breathing again.

"What shall we do?" She threw anxious glances at the door and wrung her hands. "I thought he was awfully big, but I never stopped to think he—"

"Well, this is one stray that isn't finding a home, here," I vowed. "My God, he's as big as a Springer Spaniel! Why did you let him in?"

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

COLLECTED BY ANNE METCALF

FAIR EXCHANGE

*The night was like my heart:
No fire within the grate,
Sleet on the pane,
The whole world desolate
Friendships proved false,
And love . . . all life a lie . . .
And then my grief was troubled
By a cry—*

*A small bedraggled kitten
At my door.
I brought it in
And gave it of my store
Of body comforts;
Dry
And warmly fed,
It purred beneath my hand,
And I
Was strangely comforted.*
—Marion Doyle

WELCOME, STRANGER

*Please don't be irate
For you need not be pestered
With fur so serrate
Curled up and sequestered
To form soft prunella.
Just give him to me.
I'll take care of the fella'
Personally.*

—Doris Gschwind

FELINITY

*Cats do not like the wind.
Open the door upon a windy day
And call "Puss, puss!"
You'll see her run
Until the threshold breeze
Waggles her whiskers,
And with ears laid back,
Eyes blinked in slits,
She'll beat a quick retreat.
She did not groom her fur
For half an hour in that spot of sun,
Glazing it practically hair by hair,
To have it turned by wind
Like this small carousel
Of dry, bent leaves!*

—Milli Harris

HARBINGER OF SPRING

*While violets are sound asleep
And robins do not yet return,
Through our backyard the tomcats creep
To yowl of love for which they yearn.*

*Their serenade upon the fence
Renews a war while heralding;
Their love songs do not make much sense
Except to felines in the Spring!*

—Mathilde Edna Adams

FEMME FELINE

*Ride on my housecoat across the floor,
Watch me with eyes that pretend to adore;
Eat daintily of your boneless fish,
Fastidiously lick your cream-filled dish,
Warm silky sides before my fire,
Purr and preen, as I admire;
When you're grown, run true to form,
And leave me for some bat-cared Tom!*

—Beulah Fenderson Smith

TO MY MISTRESS

By Kitten Lady Clara Vere De Vere
*Happy, I, Kitten and Philosopher,
Make utterances with a wisdom-purr;
"From horizon to horizon's blue thread
You change simplicity to hours of dread.
Tightly and farther off than things that
are
The whole horizon backgrounds every
star,
And you can, too, like the eagle, wing-
light,
Soar with song to your own horizon-
height
Before your last tomorrow carved on stone
Leaves root's red severances to bleed
alone;
Are people roots or are they soaring
wings,
Or little puppet figures minus strings*

*Who endure the gall to enjoy the sweet?
Find the long reply in the blood stream's
beat,
And in your little tiger-kitten's eyes;
Your kitten warm with love and gentle-
wise."*

—Carla Patsuris

"Ez soshubble ez a baskit er kittens."

—Joel Chandler Harris,
"Plantation Proverbs."

A PLEA FOR ADOPTION

*There's nothing really wrong with
me,
I live a restless life you see.
If perhaps I do look seedy
Others do among the needy.
I feel so sure that you would find
Beneath the grime an active mind.
It must be so just to survive,
(And I assure you I'm alive).
Would you but only take me in
I would not be so scrawny thin.
I'd clean myself up every day
And in a house I'd stay that way.
I'd be something you'd want to pat,
Not just a dirty alley cat.*

—Page St. Ives

PERSIAN KITTY

*Ensconced within a bowl of Chinese red,
A plaque of golden dragons at your head*

*Beneath your plume, a fluff of white
repose,
I catch a glimpse of pinkly-padded toes*

*Your jadegreen eyes, like gems, unwink-
ingly
Inscrutable, take little note of me*

*They seem to hold the dreams of royal
hours
Sharing the pomp of Cleopatra's bowers*

*And yet it's rumored strongly you may be
A secret member of the bourgeoisie!*

—Pearl Riggs Crouch

They'll take suggestions as a cat laps milk.

—Wm. Shakespeare, *Tempest* ii, 1

REAL SOLACE

*Through the long night watches,
When pain is flying low,
Through mental fog of worry
When the hours pass so slow,
When all movement is plain torture
But when you don't dare to sit still,
When you've exhausted all the reading
And there're hours yet to kill,
When your mixed-up mind is whirling
And you're longing for a nap,
Put aside your pills and potions
If you've something on your lap.
Pain is only a condition,
The thing which will ease that
Is the feeling and the friendship
Of a loudly purring cat.*

—Page St. Ives

WORDS TO A TOMCAT

*Oh, I don't blame you, Kitty,
For not wanting to go out
On a night like this!
Hear the winds rudely kiss
The roofs red face?
The roof grumbles and mumbles,
Then bids the winds to chase
The footsteps of a paper bag
Where marshmallows once lived. . . .
'Tis such an awful pity
You can't meander, Kitty,
Like you are wont to do.
Do you suppose your ladyfriend
Will think the less of you?
Lap up your milk, my pretty pet,
Then curl beside the furnace grating;
Miss Prissy Paws won't cut you short,—
She's like ALL women, used to waiting!*

—Gertrude Linton Nau

CATS OF THE ISLE OF MAN

By N. S. Twining

It is not intended in this article to deal with the history or origin of The Manx Cat. Both are shrouded in mystery and doubt, and all versions are of such an apocryphal nature that speculation can safely be left to those whose inclinations lie in that direction.

As the Manx Cat is a mutation and not a breed in the genetic sense they do present special problems which are particular to the breed. It has been proved that successive matings of true rumpies produce weak litters and if persisted in result in whole litters being born dead or at the most surviving only a few days.

The standard as adopted in the Isle of Man is as follows:—

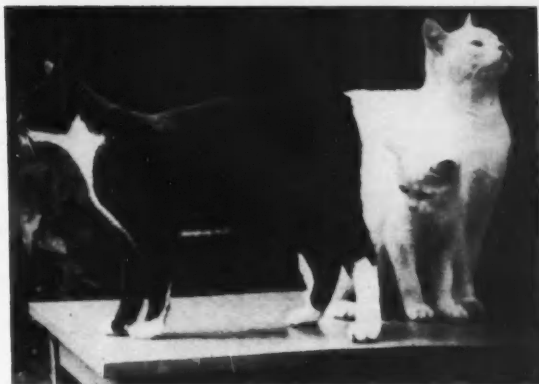
In appearance the head is round and large, but not of the snubby type. The nose is longish, but the cheeks are very prominent and thus do away any suggestion of snipiness, which is a bad fault. The ears are rather wide at base and taper slightly to a point. Taillessness is, of course, the outstanding characteristic of the Manx, and this taillessness must be absolute, with a decided hollow at the end of the backbone where in the ordinary cat the tail would commence. Other outstanding features are the hindquarters, which must be exceptionally high, and the back, which must be exceptionally short; depth of flank is also essential with roundness of the rump—as round as an orange if possible. All are necessary in the perfect show specimen, and produce the peculiar hopping gait which is of primary importance.

The coat is termed "double"—that is, it is open and soft like that of a rabbit with another thick and soft undercoat. All colors in Manx are recognized, but together with markings, are to be regarded as of secondary importance; this also applies to eye color, but which should follow the lines of other British Shorthairs. Color, markings and eyes are only taken into consideration where structural points are equal.

Mr. and Mrs. Twining are prominent Manx breeders, whose home is at Greeba, St. Johns, Isle of Man.



Manx Cats shown
were bred by
Mrs. Twining



Examination of this standard shows that:

"Taillessness . . . must be absolute with a decided hollow at the end of the backbone"

It is, of course, the aim of every breeder to obtain this, but too often litters produce only a very small proportion of good rumpies. The others having a small stump and in some cases a complete tail. This state of affairs can never be completely corrected but the proportion of good rumpies can be increased by the judicious use of stumpy cats in breeding. The breeding is largely a case of "trial and error" and here are some examples of erratic breeding.

- (1) Manx Queen—complete Manx ancestry to great grandparents — this cat only once produced a good Manx kitten and that only lived three days. She has been mated to a good rumpy tom each time. Her last litter (after being mated to a white tom) was one white and one tabby, both with tails.
- (2) Siamese Queen (pure Siamese breeding) accidentally mated with a tabby Manx tom and had four Manx kittens. One very good rumpy (tabby with white feet) and three medium rumpies.
- (3) Tailed Short-haired white and brown tabby Queen—the Queen has probably some Manx blood—mated to a Tabby rumpy and had two perfect rumpies. One black, one tabby.

From a study of many accidental and controlled matings it would appear that when two good rumpies are mated the progeny is often poor. A mating of a good rumpy to a stumpy queen or vice versa produces a reasonable proportion of good kittens.

Going into this matter more deeply it would appear that the present demand for complete taillessness to the extent of calling the "Rise" a permissible fault will result in two types of Manx Cats—the Show specimen and the Breeding Cat. This would be highly detrimental to the breed and any cat who cannot properly fulfill his or her natural functions should not be allowed to substitute show successes for a lack of biological success.

From taillessness to size of cat is a

logical step and again those breeders who insist that a Manx Cat is a small cat are in error. In the Isle of Man that opinion is held by a very small minority who are more vocal than convincing. They can produce no evidence to support their contention.

There still exists in some parts of the Island the semiwild Manx Cat. These cats live on outlying farms and depend on rabbits and rodents for their food, supplemented sometimes by milk supplied by the farmer, but always partaken at a safe distance from humans. These cats are strong and sturdy and are by no means small, but are what would be called large "shorthaired". Indeed it is necessary that the Manx Cat should be well built for if it is to produce strong and healthy kittens there must be ability to do this without damaging the vertebra which has lost the protection of the coccygeal.

Both these conditions of taillessness and size bear a very direct part in eliminating some of the trouble which confront the breeder. Most of the difficulties of rearing kittens are directly connected with affections of the spine which produce the symptoms of bowel disorder. These troubles may be anything from simple constipation (or its opposite) to actual malformation of the bowel which require in simple cases surgical treatment, to a complete hermaphroditic condition.

It will be an ill day when breeding Manx Cats becomes so difficult that many potential breeders are discouraged and this attractive breed is allowed to decline.

Now is the time to give serious thought to future breeding. By all means produce a cat that will show well and win, but if to gain this its natural breeding functions are in any way lessened then it is rather "dead sea fruit".

To sum up, don't be afraid to experiment with your breeding, and don't try and change the structure and nature of the Manx Cat. Remember what happened in the Dog World when in trying to change the standard of Irish Setters that terrible affliction of "Night blindness" reared its ugly head. Be warned and leave the Manx Cats as nature, in one of her whimsical moods, made them.

A DAY AT THE DOCTOR'S

By George Pickow



Our first patient is an elderly lady with a cataract on her eye. The doctor tests her pupil reflex. Below, the veterinarian is using an otoscope in his examination for ear mites, a serious source of infection and irritation.

Not an Elizabethan kitten. This puss is recovering from an eye irritation, and the over-sized ruff is used to keep her from wiping the medication away.



The doctor sews up a wound using all of his skill as a veterinary surgeon.

Teeth need attention, but puss enjoys it no more than would any of us.

Veterinarians depend on the stethoscope as much as M.D.'s do. His ears tell the doctor a great deal about this invalid's condition.



Some cat lovers credit their pets with an intelligence transcending that of humans. Others maintain that this so-called intelligence is merely instinct. Be that as it may, the modern veterinarian treats his feline patients with all the care and thoroughness accorded human patients, for cats are as susceptible as humans to the various infections, diseases and minor ailments which beset living creatures.

There is scarcely a hospital instrument or method that does not have its counterpart in the modern animal hospital. At the Aalton Dog and Cat Hospital, 1601 First Avenue, New York City, where these pictures were taken, patients are housed in individual rooms which are light and airy, although somewhat bare of decoration. The veterinarian has his stethoscope, his fluoroscope and his shining surgical instruments. He follows the accepted, up-to-date methods of sanitation and asepsis. His patients are not shut in to become mental cases, nor are they discharged before being cured.

No matter what the affliction, as these pictures show, the veterinarian of today is equipped to give his feline patients the best of medical care and surgical treatment to insure their prompt return to health.

Cats who roam the streets or highways suffer great risk of being run down by motorists. This wanderer was fortunate to escape with only a broken front leg, and thanks to modern treatment, he'll be as good as new in a few weeks.



This young fellow's ailment necessitates a blood examination. Does he wonder about it, or is he just enjoying his rest in the hospital's laboratory?

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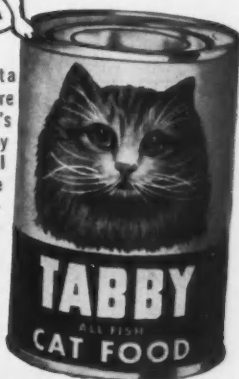
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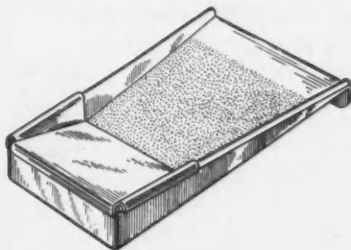
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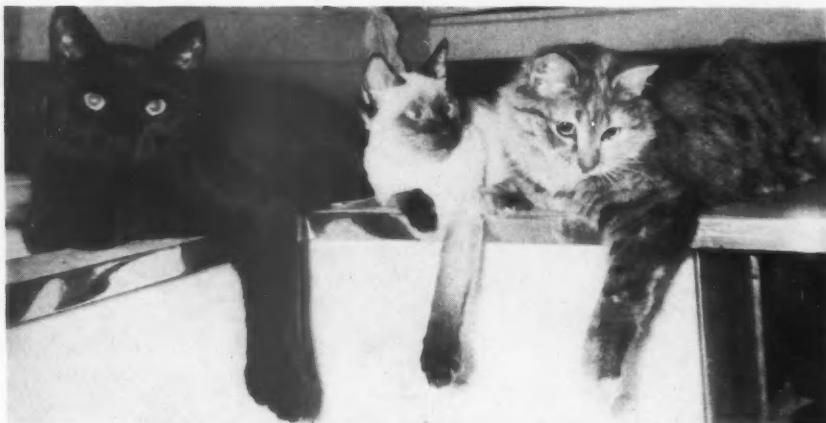
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Cats Question Box

Conducted By E. A. Renaux, D.V.M.

Will our cat develop some sort of complex from wearing a bell because he might wish to catch birds and can't with the bell on. We like for him to wear the bell because he is hard to keep track of when in the yard. He doesn't mind the bell at all now.

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—Dorothy Pollenz

3322 West Glenlake Ave., Chicago 45, Ill.

There may be some extreme nerve irritation at the part of the tail she is chewing for which there may not be too much to do, or there may be something actually irritating the area—such as urine or other substance that would wet it. Watch her carefully to determine just what she does in the basement.

I have been having a bit of trouble with my male cat (altered) and my Vet admitted he is stumped. It started out with sand in the bladder some time ago and when that was cleared up he kept getting cystitis. An injection of 15 TR units of Haglodase containing Hyaluronidase along with shots of Penicillin and streptomycin would clear it up, but in about two weeks he would have a recurrence with blood in the urine and frequent squatting and howling. Back for more shots.

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by
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To me, one of the most beautiful of all pictures is that of a mother cat and her kittens. We have all often marveled at nature in giving us the wondrous spectacle of the birth of kittens. Our females are very precious to us and we should do our best to thank them for giving to us the many beautiful kittens that they do. I love to watch them taking care of their little babies for they do it with a tenderness and devotion that is unsurpassed by any other animal. Little does the mother care about her discomfort, and she will do everything to protect her babies from harm. She asks nothing from us except that we protect her health and give help when she needs it.

In order that I may continue to receive the lovely kittens presented to me by my mother cats everything is done to insure their health at all times. All the articles that come from this typewriter of mine are aimed at helping you to help your own cats to a better life, also.

There may come a time when after the kittens are weaned cystitis will attack your little mother causing her much pain and discomfort. If it does she will need your help and need it badly. Do not wait but immediately consult your veterinarian for the proper medication. This article will attempt to bring to you information on what cystitis is, how it occurs and a possible remedy.

CAUSES.

Cystitis is an inflammation of the urinary bladder due to infection or erosion caused by change in pH, and can either be acute or chronic. Many theories have been advanced, and no one knows what all the exact causes are, but it has been directly traced to various conditions. Some of these are: punctures from fractured bones, pressure from forming fetuses, ex-

CYSTITIS IN THE

posure to cold, calculi, foreign matter in the water, infection from the urethra, infection from the kidneys and ureters, and other unknown causes.

At this time we shall discuss the one cause that appears to be most rampant at this time: calculi (stones). How calculi form is still a deep mystery and it is the opinion of most authorities and of this writer that the chemical metabolism is upset in some way, causing the formation. Calculi have been chemically analyzed. Those found to contain uric acid and urates are smooth, round or oval, hard but brittle stones. Calcium oxalate produces round stones with mulberry-like projections. Ammonio-magnesium and calcium phosphate (triple phosphates) frequently produce large, light, soft, smooth and white stones. Stones may contain other constituents such as calcium carbonate, cystine, xanthine, indigo and urostealth. They can appear as renal sand, consisting of fine gritty particles, or as solitary or multiple larger concretions, the former causing renal colic. They may have a smooth surface or present numerous projections. They may block the ureter tract or the urethra, or collect in the bladder.

It appears that the process of the forming of the kittens can in some way upset the balance of the system of the mother cat bringing on cystitis before the kittens are born or after the kittens are weaned. Then too, there are cases of cystitis developing without the process of gestation at all.

SYMPTOMS.

How will you know your cat has cystitis? The very first sign will be very frequent urinating by the cat; this becomes constant and will occur only minutes apart. There may be only a few drops at a time or just a dribble. The urine will become cloudy or smoky looking and if a pan containing some of the urine is held to a light you will notice a sparkling which will come from fine crystals.

In advanced stages you will find blood in the urine, a sure indication that the bladder has become infected. Ordinarily the bladder is immune to infection but can become infected in the following manner. We know the kidneys are constantly at work removing the excess water from the system along with other matter and many types of bacteria. The liquid is carried from the kidneys through the ureters, and thence into the bladder. It is then stored within the bladder until sufficient amounts are collected to be conveniently disposed of. It passes from the bladder through the urethra and then out of the body. If the urethra becomes blocked or clogged, the urine is retained in the bladder. This causes the bladder to enlarge filling up with urine which is forcibly held. Since it is kept in the blad-

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der for a long period of time this gives the bacteria time to infect the membranes of the bladder and real trouble has its beginning.

This is the acute stage and if not treated promptly it can then go into the chronic stage and last for many months. Should no treatment be given necrosis and gangrene of the bladder can set in with a possible rupture of the bladder terminating in sudden death. Peritonitis and uremia are other possibilities, each of which spells death.

There will also be other indications which will bring some noticeable changes in the habits of your cat. Do not be harsh with her for it will not be her fault. She will become very slovenly, caring little about using her sanitary pan, attempting her toilet any place. She will care little about her appearance and the fur will become very dry and coarse. She will become very miserable and hard to get along with. Her movements will be very lazy-like and she won't care too much about eating, causing the weight to drop. At the first symptoms, it is time for you to lend a hand and help her regain her health. This can usually be done by following the treatment which you will find next. Remember, however, that it will be dispensed only by your veterinarian. Your veterinarian may already know of this treatment, if not we suggest that you take this article to him. It has done wonders for my cats and for cats of other breeders who came to me seeking help.

TREATMENT.

You will find here a remedy for the treatment of cystitis in the female cat with an explanation of why it will be of benefit.

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GENTLE LITTLE UNA

By Helen G. Fairchild

Several days ago when Dr. Fairchild and I were attending a Horse Show a pretty teenage girl came up to me and asked, 'Do you still have the cat that can do the Rhumba?' For a moment I thought it was either a joke or a case of mistaken identity, but suddenly it was all very clear. This tall girl had, as a child, seen our *Little Una* dance! She had come to our home years ago when my mare was brought from the training stable for me to ride at home. Everyone that had a horse in training at the same place or who was a personal friend of the horse came along and we really had a 'ball.' There were more children than grown-ups, as I remember it, and although they were supposed to be interested only in horses they were fascinated with our cat-

tery and cats. We had a full sized commercial cattery then with at least ten Champion cats on display with trophy cups and ribbons to prove it. But as you can guess from the above question from the girl everyone was entranced with 'Una.'

Dear little Una! Perhaps some of the older Fanciers remember about her. Before *CATS Magazine* was born I wrote for another pet publication and she was one of my favorite subjects. Una had been a terrible disappointment to us as breeders of cats because as our first born Abyssinian kitten—(the one and only of the litter, hence the name 'Una')—she came out a too striped, non-show type kitten! But the personality of that kit captivated everyone, especially my Mother who was spending the winter with us that year. Mother taught Una tricks from the time she was able to walk. She would 'Play dead,' 'Say her prayers' (flat on her back, paws crossed and eyes tightly closed), roll over—and over and over until dizzy, jump through a hoop, do a 'sideways' somersault and the finale of the performance was the 'Dance.' Una would stand on her hind legs and with front paws held together high in the air, step, twirl and jump as long as a person would give her the signals.

I had to tell the girl that Una is dead. But she lived a long, happy and gentle life with us. She was 13 when she died. She never missed an opportunity to greet all visitors affectionately with a loud purr and a whisker-rubbing ceremony. We kept her in the cattery because we are not at home in the daytime and the other cats loved her gentleness as much as did her human friends.

A few months before her death I went to the cattery one morning and a mocking bird was in the outside lath house runs cursing and threatening as only a mocking bird can when it is really angry. I succeeded in herding it outside before it dive-bombed me. I knew there was a nest on top of the laths, so I supposed a baby bird had gotten inside and a cat had killed it and I couldn't blame the bird for being mad. But that evening when I went out to feed the cats I noticed Una sitting alone in her 'run' gazing at a little mound of Bouganville blossoms neatly piled over something. I uncovered the body of a baby bird with not a tooth or claw mark on it. It had a broken neck from the high fall from the nest. Gentle little Una had pulled a switch on the birds of the Babes in the Woods fable and had buried a baby bird in leaves and blossoms!

I wonder what Miss Charny would think of this true cat and bird story?

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SPEAKING CATTISH

By Henrietta Hitchcock

While I know that cats can learn to recognize their own names, and certain other words, I have never quite believed that a cat has any extensive vocabulary of his own. On the other hand, many people, some of them with scientific training, are sure that cats do have a way of talking in human words.

One of the readers, Mr. H. C. who is a musician and therefore probably has a very sensitive ear for all sounds, has this to report of his cat, Annabel: "An original hobby of mine is cultivating imitative and associative speech in cats. Results are not consistent or dependable, but Annabel has said 'Man' many times on greeting me or on seeing another man. The sound of N is sometimes audible, more often just suggested.

"She also has said 'meat' many times, meaning her cat food. The T sound is also merely suggested. Believe it or not, imitating me she says 'name' plainly, 'where,' 'milk' fairly well 'minute' surprisingly well, 'rain,' 'maid,' 'out,' 'in,' 'now,' 'Anna' and 'Allan.' Allan, her son, isn't too good a talker yet, except for 'now.'"

There are some remarks made to me by my cats that I'd be glad to have Mr. H. C. interpret for me, but certain basso-profundo roars from my Siamese I prefer to leave untranslated.

Another reader, Mrs. F. S. L., says of her gray Persian, Smokey: "After breakfast I'll say 'Let's make the beds' and she goes tearing up the stairs."

Probably Mrs. F. S. L. follows a routine quite accurately in her housekeeping, and makes beds at about the same time every morning. Cats are such creatures of habit that they soon learn when to expect recurring events to happen. My cats swarm around me and bump my ankles when it is their meal time; and leap on the bed, meow and glare reproachfully when they think it is time to retire.

When a cat is a slow, puttery eater, I sometimes sit beside him, push the dish of food under his nose and say, "Eatie-eatie-eatie." He usually does resume eating, although he might do so if I had said "three-four-five-six" or any other words. After some cat crime or other, I pick up the sinner, look sternly at him and repeat, "Bad cat, bad cat."

The reprov'd criminal will look everywhere but into my eyes, and display a crestfallen reaction. Does he really understand the words, or only the tone of voice? When I want a cat to jump up beside me, or onto a bed, I pat the spot he is to

land upon and say "Uppy-uppy-uppy." Is it the foolish remark or the gesture which conveys the idea to him?

Cats are so eloquent in facial expression and significant poses and gestures that they have little need of formal speech to get their meaning across to all but the most obtuse people. When you know a cat well, he seems so "human," such a definite personality, that it is easy to believe he can actually converse. Perhaps cats CAN talk, and if I were better equipped in research methods I too would recognize their utterance of English words.

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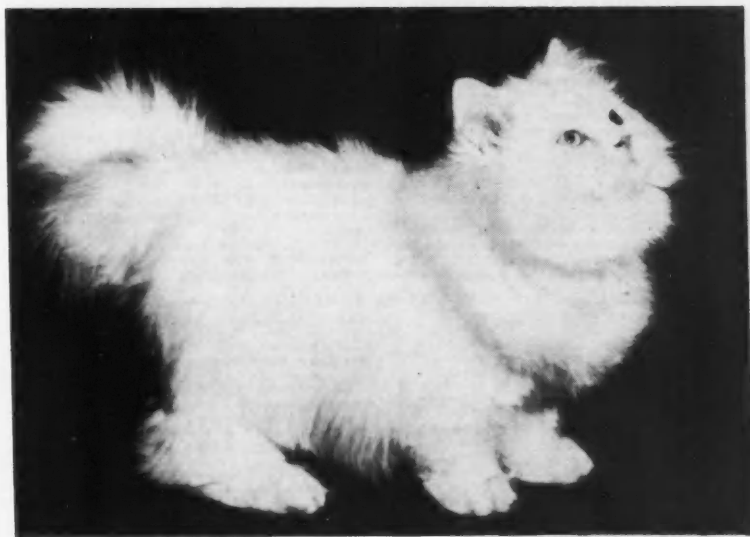
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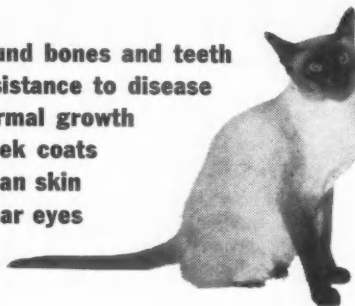
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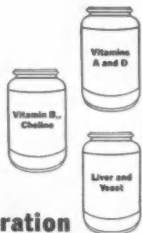
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The only possible drawback to this remedy is it will stain the posterior portion of the cat but that will disappear in time, and the benefits derived will make the little staining insignificant. Should the results from this remedy be unsatisfactory, it will probably mean a formation of a large stone or stones within the bladder which can be removed only by surgery. This will be the case if you have waited too long to institute treatment.

Because the urethra passageway of the female cat is larger than that of the male, the chances for recovery of the female are much better. I have been working on an article "Urolithiasis in the Male Cat" for the past several months. This will deal with calculi and their effect on the males. Since the subject is one of much difficulty it is taking a good deal of time and research, but I hope to have it ready for printing soon.

I recently had a thought that I would very much like to have your opinions on. As you know we gladly give to all sorts of funds such as Cancer, Polio, Tuberculosis, Community Chest and many others. Why isn't it possible for us of the cat fancy to get behind a drive of all lovers of cats to create a fund which could be used as grants to universities for the express purpose of studying various ailments of cats. It could be money well spent in the betterment of our cats, perhaps bringing many solutions to some of the perplexing problems which baffle us today.

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GOING HIGH HAT

At the last cat show that I attended, one of the winners was a cat with unknown ancestry. The judge commented that this particular cat was not eligible for championship and that it was too bad to interfere with some eligible cat's opportunity to make its championship. Also there were two new breeds of Siamese not shown because the Association did not recognize them.

It seems to me the most important consideration of any Association should be to further the interest in cats.

Winning a blue ribbon in a show, as one judge expressed it, gives the cat's owner "the bug" to try for a championship and to go on in the interest of good cats. Also, every proud owner's blue-ribbon winner is advertised to his or her friends, and thus spreads interest in cats.

Surely, really good cat fanciers do not breed their cats to unproved champions or buy kittens without good pedigrees. Shows offer them exceptionally fine advertising, and they all know that good stock is bound to produce good stock. So why worry about a championship given to a cat of unknown ancestry?

Is that really good sportsmanship?

The Cat Fancy, generally speaking, is already lacking too much in this attribute, with five Associations.

As long as any breeder divulges his method of developing a new breed and can prove that the line can be carried on by anyone interested, it seems to me that it should be recognized. For example, the Red Point Siamese has been bred consistently for at least ten years, and yet no cat association has so far been willing to accord championship status to cats of this breed.

Expansion rather than limitation of interest in any breed of cats should be encouraged.

Possibly, the Associations that have voting committees should have these committees composed half of men and half of women. This equal division into the two sexes would, I believe, conduce to fairer decisions in all matters.

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Why can't breeders and judges get together on what constitutes a medium and dainty Siamese? Medium takes in a wide scope and dainty "in the language of the standard" means dainty bone structure and not coarsely built—not too large and certainly not too small.

These two points have become distorted and misinterpreted as "Tiny"!!

In order for their Siamese to be awarded coveted winners ribbons, breeders are striving to breed them down in size in attempt to please many of the judges. This does not apply to "all" judges for many I've talked to are in hearty disfavor but feel they are "on the spot" . . . that they must go along with the trend.

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"Get . . . in . . . the . . . other . . . room," I hissed. "If . . . he . . . comes . . . through . . . the . . . door . . . tell everybody . . . I . . . went . . . down . . . fighting."

Suddenly, I heard the wire-screening tearing with sharp metallic protest. Silence again. After a short battle with the coward in myself, I opened the door a crack and peeked into the porch.

"He's gone!" I reported almost hysterically. "Tried to get out the cat-door, couldn't claw his way out because of his size so he tore a hole in the screening. Seems to be gone, all right!"

Warily, we entered the back porch. Through the gray drizzle we saw the giant cat stalking indignantly across the vegetable patch towards the pines. A moment later he vanished in the brush. We both sighed immense sighs.

"What do you suppose frightened him?" asked Friend Wife. "You said he was sleeping nicely."

"Yeah, he was—but who knows what he was dreaming?"

She gave me One Of Those Looks.

And the adventure was closed.

We still live on the edge of the woods with eleven cats and feel sorry for people who don't. We expect—and look forward to—having some hungry stranger-of-cat-dom arrive at our door, seeking a meal if not a permanent home in the future.

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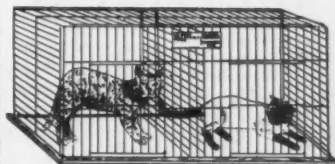
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March

- 3-4—Hyattsville, Md.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lester O'Neill). Specialties: Shorthair (Anthony DeSantis); Longhair (Mr. DeSantis).
- 10—Delaware Valley Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed (Betty Groell). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Ruth McNaughtan).
- 10—Oakland, Calif. Golden Gate Cat Club, Inc. (UCF) All Breed (longhair division) Mrs. Lillian Limpert (shorthair division) Mrs. Harriet Wolfgang; Longhair Specialty, Mrs. Dorothy Denning; Shorthair Specialty, LaVona Wright.
- 11—Oakland, Calif. California Cat Fanciers (UCF) All Breed (longhair division Mrs. Harriet Wolfgang, (shorthair division) Mrs. Lillian Limpert; Longhair Specialty Mrs. Susie Willdenhus; Shorthair Specialty, Mrs. Isabel Meader.
- 16—Garden City, L. I., N. Y.—Cat Fanciers of Long Island (ACA). All Breed. Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair.
- 24-25—Miami, Fla.—The Catkins (ACFA). All Breed (Lillian Limpert). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Hope Johnson), Breed and Color (R. A. Cable).

April

- 14—Norfolk, Va. Southern Domestic and Foreign Short Hair (Except Siamese) Club (CFA) and Southern Siamese Club (CFA). Shorthair Specialty Show sponsored by each club. Judge of both shows: Mrs. J. H. Revington.

Show Reports . . .

NORTH TEXAS CAT CLUB (ACFA)—5th Ch. Show, Dallas, Texas, Nov. 12-13, 1955. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. June Williams. Best Cat, Best Open, Best LH, Best SC—Purr-Isle Bobadil of Silver Moth, blue m, Mrs. Florence Kemmer, 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov, Best SH, Best Mx—Miamanx Nicodemus, blk m, Margaret Newton, OS Cat, OS Open, OS LH, OS SC—Wee Wendy Wood, blk f, Mrs. I. D. Wood, Best Gr Ch—Bentveld Rosemary of Flagstone, blue f, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller, OS Gr Ch, OS Sia—Tempura's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett, Best Ch—Texas Snow-Glo, OE Wh m, Mrs. Walter A. Nelson, OS Ch, OS Mx—Tyoh Miss Bobbitu, brn MT f, Mrs. Fred Hoyt, OS Nov, Best Sia—Medicine Lake Lass of Livingston, SP f, Ruth Coe Livingston, Best Sil—Myr-Sil Sunny Boy, sh sil m, Myrmita & Myrtle J. Johnson, OS Sil—Silver Mesa Miss Katrina, chin f, W. W. Rabbitt, Best T&T—Ro-Va's Aurora of Pensford, bl cr, Mrs. E. G. Myers, OS SH, Best Aby—Selene's Soraya of Livingston, f, Ruth Coe Livingston, Best DSH—Gr Ch White Pansie of Bur-Mur Farm, BE Wh f, Mr. & Mrs. E. Burrell Finch, OS DSH—Tr Ch Snowball's Tomboy of Ron-We-Don, OE Wh m, Lorraine L. Donaghy, OS Aby—Obeda of Livingston, m, Ruth Coe Livingston, Best Burm—Koki, m, Teenie Atkins, OS Burm—Pongl, f, Don Thompson, Best RB—Casa Gatos Yrez, f, Mrs. Ruby L. Cooper, Best Kit—Curly's Mamelle Dede, blue f, Mrs. Margaret Curtis, OS Kit—Ermine Girl's Split Image, BE Wh DSH, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Graham, Best Neuter—Wah-Lee Yakumo, SP, Mrs. M. Porter Walley, Best Spay—Ch. Kitty Cove Priscilla, chin, Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Spencer.

LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Hope Johnson. Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sil—Silver Mesa Miss Katrina, chin f, W. W. Rabbitt, 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best SC, OS Open—Silver Moth Prince Necho, cr m, Mrs. Harold Rathburn, Best Gr Ch—Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller, OS Gr Ch—Kiva Za-BoBo, smoke m, Walter Carl Darnell, Best Ch—Texas Sno-Glo, OE Wh m, Mrs. Walter Nelson, OS Ch—Hermesest Zara of Concordia, blk f, Mrs. John Porter, Best Nov—Gamie Rocky Mt Golden Nugget, cr m, Mrs. Elsie Hersig, OS Nov—Dar-Ber Cliffside, sil thy f, Walter Carl Darnell, OS SC—Camber Betsybob of Rocky Mt, blue f, Mrs. Elsie Hersig, OS Sil—Myr-Sil Sunny Boy, sh sil m, Myrmita & Myrtle Johnson, Best Kit—Flagstone's Freckle Face, bl cr, Mrs. H. J. Mueller, OS Kit—Concordia Marengo, smoke m, Mrs. John Porter, Best Neuter—Texas Montre Le Beau of Attabl, Blue, James McGaughy, Best Spay—Ch. Kitty Cove Priscilla, chin, Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Spencer.

SHORTHAIK SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Hope Johnson. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best DSH—Karabee's Lily Belle, Odd E Wh f, Miss Karen Bjerkeng, 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best FSH, Best Aby—Selene's Soraya of Livingston, f, Ruth Coe Livingston, OS Cat, Best Nov, OS FSH, Best Mx—Miamanx Nicodemus, blk m, Margaret Newton, Best Gr Ch—White Pansie of Bur-Mur Farm, BE Wh DSH f, Mr. & Mrs. Burrell Finch, OS Gr Ch, Best Sia—Tempura's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett, OS Ch, OS DSH—Snowball's Tomboy of Ron-We-Don, OE Wh m, Lorraine Donaghy, OS Nov—Miamanx Honey Run, cr f Mx, Margaret Newton, OS Open, OS Aby—Tukhalon of Dar-Ber, m, Walter Carl Darnell, OS Sia—Wah-Lee Nang, SP f, Mrs. M. Porter Walley, OS Mx—Ch Tyoh Miss Bobbitu, Best Burm—Ch Re-Ru Dynamic, m, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Middleton, OS Burm—Re-Ru, f, Anthony Middleton, Best RB—Casa Gatos Yrez, f, Mrs. Ruby L. Cooper, Best Kit—Ramayana Skeeter, red thy Mx m, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, OS Kit—Cobourg's Miss Canada of Kitty Cove, sil thy DSH f, Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Spencer, Best Neuter—Smoky, blue DSH, K. Jack Rosser, Best Spay—Cocoa, SP, Marie McCullah.

AMERICAN NATIONAL CAT CLUB (ACFA) 1st Ch. Show, Dallas, Texas, Nov. 12-13, 1955. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Isabel Meader. Best Cat, Best Open, Best SH, Best Sia—Wah-Lee Nang, BP f, Mrs. M. Porter Walley, 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best LH, Best SC, OS Open—Silver Moth Prince Necho, cr m, Mrs. Harold Rathburn, Best Gr Ch, OS SH, Sia—Tempura's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett, OS Gr Ch, Best Sil—Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller, Best Ch—Texas Sno-Glo, OE Wh m, Mrs. Walter A. Nelson, OS Ch, Best Mx—Tyoh Miss Bobbitu, brn MT f, Mrs. Fred Hoyt, Best Nov, OS Mx—Miamanx Nicodemus, blk m, Margaret Newton, OS Nov—Charming Duty of Dar Ber, tortie, Walter Carl Darnell, OS LH, Best T&T—Tropic Isle Teenard, bl cr, Mrs. Harold Rathburn, OS SC—Gr Ch Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone, cr f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller, OS Sil—Rollywood Michael II, chin m, Mrs. L. C. Bridges, Best DSH—Ramayana Jenna, sil thy f, Whitney D. Abbott, OS DSH—Highway Man, parti-color m, Belle Pendleton, Best Aby—Selene's Soraya of Livingston, f, Ruth Coe Livingston, OS Aby—Tukhalon of Dar-Ber, m, Walter Carl Darnell, Best Burm—Ramayana Tarney, m, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, OS Burm—Ch Casa Gatos Soules, f, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Best Neuter—Choyja Chin-Chee, SP, Mrs. Norbert Johnson, Best Spay—Ch Kitty Cove Priscilla, chin, Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Spencer.

LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. LaVona Wright. Best Cat, Best Open, Best SC—Silver Moth Prince Necho, cr m, Mrs. Harold Rathburn, 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov—Blackwey Samson, blk m, Mrs. Jean Gibson, OS Cat, Best Ch, OS SC—Hermesest Zara of Concordia, blk f, Mrs. John Porter, Best Gr Ch—Bentveld Rosemary of Flagstone, blue f, Mrs. E. J. Mueller, OS Gr Ch—Kiva Za-BoBo, smoke m, Walter Carl Darnell, OS Ch—Donald Duck of Dunes, blue m, Mrs. Frederick Curtis, Jr, OS Nov—Mercer-Lane Josan of Woolman, OE Wh f, Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Woolman, OS Open—Wee Wendy Wood, blk f, Mrs. I. D. Wood, Best Sil—Rollywood Michael II, chin m, Mrs. L. C. Bridges, OS Sil—Gr Ch Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller, Best T&T—Ro-Va's Aurora of Pensford, bl cr, Mrs. G. R. Myers, Best Neuter—Texas Montre Le Beau of Attabl, blue, James McGaughy, Best Spay—Ch Kitty Cove Priscilla, chin, Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Spencer.

SHORTHAIRED SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. LaVona Wright. Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best Sia—Tempura's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Ch, OS Sia—Tempura's Tempura, SP f, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett. OS Gr Ch, Best DSH—Billie's Bon Bus of Old Oaks, OE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. OS Ch, OS Burn—Re-Ru Dynamic, m, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Middleton. Best Nov, Best Mx—Miamanx Nicodemus, blk m, Margaret Newton. OS Nov, OS Mx—Miamanx Honey Bun, cr f, Margaret Newton. Best Open—Wah-Lee Nang, SP f Mrs. M. Porter Walley. OS Open—Re-Ru Robin of Charmist, Burn, m, Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Simms. OS DSH—Ch Snowball's Tomboy of Bon We Don, OE Wh m, Lorraine Donaghey. Best Aby—Obeda of Livingston, m, Ruth Coe Livingston. OS Aby—Selene's Soraya of Livingston, f, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best Burn—Ch Casa Gatos Souler, f, Mrs. J. D. Elliott. Best Neuter Choyja Chin-Chee, SP, Mrs. Norbert F. Johnson. Best Spay—Petite Jean, SP, Mrs. M. E. Blackmail.

GENESEE CAT FANCIERS (CFA) 6th Ch. Show, Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 12-13, 1955. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Frances Worms. Best Cat, Best LH, Best SC—Longhill's Michael, cr m, Anthony DeSantis. 2nd Best Cat, Best Gr Ch—Rosemont Golden Boy, cr m, Frances Koslerowski. OS Cat, OS LH, OS SC—Shiraz Shatta, blue f, Ethel S. Glassman. OS Ch—Longhill's White Madonna, OE Wh f, Mrs. C. P. Ripley. Best Nov—Madeira Belinda, blk f, Mrs. A. L. Madeira. OS Nov—Gallahad Shaban of Shiraz, BE Wh m, Ethel S. Glassman. Best Sil—Ch. Bob-Mar's Dante, chin m, Martha A. Martin. OS Sil—Playtime Julie, sh sil f, Mrs. Elsie Malco. Best T&T—The Garden's Twenty, lg cr, Mrs. Dorothy Holman. OS T&T—Ch. Chataqua Spirit of Fifty, sil thy m, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson. Best SH, Best Sia—Wu Ananda, SP m, Gladie M. German. OS SH, OS Sia—Ch. Calithness Mallivan, BP f, Mrs. C. G. Learn. Best DSH—Ch. Chataqua Question Mark, sil thy m, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson. OS DSH—Charkohl Lin, blk f, Mrs. Robert R. Brooks. Best Mx—Olin's Snow Baby, Wh f, Mrs. Frances Olin. Best Aby—Selene's Lisa of Bon Lisa of Bon Abi, f, Bonita Grauer. OS Aby—Rosa-Noma's All Reza's, m, Rosa-Noma Cattery. Best Burn—Lady Cletia, f, Rosa-Noma Cattery. Best Kit—Longhill's Michaelina, cr f, Elaine M. Owen. OS Kit—Theleo Jer-Shalb, SP m, Mrs. LaVerne P. Chapman. Best Neuter—Corky Margene, red, Marjorie Walzer. Best Spay—Playtime's Dollee, sh sil, Mary Jane Springer.

LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. C. F. Rottor. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Longhill's Michael, cr m, Anthony DeSantis. 2nd Best Cat, Best Gr Ch—Rosemont Golden Boy, cr m, Frances Koslerowski. OS Cat, OS SC, Best Nov—Castilla Adorable, blue f, Mrs. Marcena Myers. OS Ch—Normont Hall of Shiraz, bl cr, Mrs. Ethel Glassman. OS Nov—Blue Peter of Elmore, blue m, Anthony DeSantis. Best Sil—Ch. Bob-Mar's Dante, chin m, Martha A. Martin. OS Sil—Playtime Dollee, sh sil f, Mrs. Reid Copeland. Best Kit—Longhill's Michaelina, cr f, Elaine M. Owen. OS Kit—Longhill's Treasure Island, red m, Anthony DeSantis. Best Neuter—Corky Margene, red, Marjorie Walzer.

SHORTHAIRED SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Rottor. Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Chi Chareon Tu Fu, SP f, Gladie M. German. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch—Calithness Mallivan, BP f, Mrs. C. G. Learn. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS Sia—Coventry's Bamby-Ling of Vanar, BP m, Mrs. L. S. Van Riper. Best Nov—Wu Ananda, SP m, Gladie M. German. OS Nov—Millbrook's Deborah, SP f, Mr. & Mrs. Walter R. Reese. Best DSH—Ch. Chataqua Question Mark, sil thy m, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson. OS DSH—Little Butch Swanton, brn thy f, John M. Swanton. Best Mx—Olin's Snow Baby, Wh f, Mrs. Frances Olin. Best Aby—Dina Hamann, Rosa-Noma Cattery. OS Aby—Rosa Noma All Reza, m, Rosa-Noma Cattery. Best Burn—Kalyan Princess Kal-Lee, f, Mrs. A. Slaughter & Sandra. Best Kit—Theleo Jer-Shalb, SP m, Mrs. LaVerne P. Chapman. OS Kit—Lavender Silver Belle, sil thy f, Mrs. Chapman. Best Neuter—Selene's Fran-Len Von Nassau, Aby, M/Sgt & Mrs. Spurgeon Dammeling. Best Spay—Yen Soo Ling, SP, Emmy Lou Murphy.

LAKE ERIE CAT CLUB (CFF), 4th Ch. Show, Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 5-6, 1955. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Betty Youngman. Best Cat, Best Open, Best SC—Dixiland Sir Gal of Normont, blue m, Mrs. Merald Hogg. 2nd Best Cat—Gra-Stone's Teddy of Smallhurst, red m, Mrs. J. J. Small. OS Cat, Best Ch, Best SH, Best Aby—Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, f, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Schuler. Best Gr Ch—Lee's Hi-Hat Campaign, cr m, Mrs. Marie Wilson. OS Gr Ch—Blue Gables Snow Girl II, OE Wh f, Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best Nov—Shiraz Zohab, blue f, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Limpert. OS Nov—Nestledown's Sunny Boy, cr m, Mrs. Walter Meyers. OS Open, OS LH, Best Sil—Ahmaq of Katnip Korner, sil f, Mrs. J. J. Small. OS SC—Ch. Suni June of Dawn, cr f, Mr. & Mrs. H. Millbeck. OS Sil—Smallhurst Buzzle of Homewood, sh sil m, Mrs. Wm. Hansen. Best T&T—Rosemont's Meadowlark, bl cr, Mrs. Merald Hogg. OS T&T, OS DSH—Ch. Sequin of Cool Morning, brn thy m, Liz & Wally Kollmorgen. Best DSH—Snowball OE Wh f, Bettie R. Collins. OS SH, Best Mx—Willowbrook Ebony, blk m, Angie Boughman. Best Sia—Vee Roi's Jarodi of Ell-Mar, SP f, Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Sykora. OS Sia—Kai-yan Kapri, sp m, Eleanor Hamling. OS Mx—Ch. Mrs. Kelly of An-Sil, blk f, Ann Bleneman. OS Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Ipo, m, Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Sykora. Best Burn—Kalyan Princess of Kai-Lee, f, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Slaughter & Sandra. OS Burn—Kalyan Prince Koro, m, Harriet Woodman. Best Kit—Aimee-Tu-Wynn Cato, blk m, Mrs. M. E. Thorne. OS Kit—Sh-Bom of Crestwood, SP f, Georgann Svehla. Best Neuter—American Beauty G.I. Joe, SP, Jean Davis. Best Spay—Corlett's Lady Batsheba, blk, Mrs. R. F. Corlett.

LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Grace Stoneburner. Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sil—Ahmaq of Katnip Korner, sil f, Mrs. J. J. Small. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch—Suni June of Dawn, cr f, Mr. & Mrs. H. Millbeck. OS Cat, OS Open—Dixiland Sir Gal of Normont, blue m, Mrs. Merald Hogg. Best Gr Ch—Blue Gables Snow Girl II, OE Wh f, Mrs. Marie Wilson. OS Gr Ch—Lee's Hi-Hat Campaign, cr m, Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best Nov—Smallhurst Missy, sil f, Mrs. J. J. Small. OS Nov—Nestledown's Sunny Boy, cr m, Mrs. Walter Meyers. OS Sil—Smallhurst Buzzle of Homewood, sh sil m, Mrs. Wm. Hansen. Best T&T—Smallhurst Posies N' Cream, bl cr, Mrs. J. J. Small. Best Kit—Nigrette's Terry, blue m, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Limpert. OS Kit—Smallhurst Blunigel of Clar-Mar, blue f, Marie C. Meyer.

SHORTHAIRED SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. R. A. Cable. Best Cat, Best Nov, Best Sia—Chirn Sa-hai Viren, SP f, Jean Ryan. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Aby—Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, f, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Schuler. OS Cat, Best Burn—Lan Yen's Ret Kay, m, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Slaughter & Sandra. OS Ch, Best DSH—Sequin of Cool Morning, brn thy m, Liz & Wally Kollmorgen. OS Nov—Cool Morning Red Sunglow, red thy DSH m, Liz & Wally Kollmorgen. Best SC, Best Mx—Ch. Mrs. Kelly of An-Sil, blk f, Ann Bleneman. OS SC, OS Mx—Willowbrook Ebony, blk m, Angie Boughman. Best Sil, OS DSH—Springbrook Netkati, sh sil f, Dr. J. S. Caldwell. OS Sil—Benmont Bore Conan, sil thy m, Mrs. C. F. Kunkler. OS Sia—Merri-Kit Nipper, BP m, Mrs. Thelma R. Merryman. OS Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Ipo, m, Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Sykora. OS Burn—Kalyan Princess of Kai-Lee, f, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Slaughter & Sandra. Best Kit—Cricket, BP f, Jean Ryan. OS Kit—Dalai Dala Tim of Selene, Aby m, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Schuler. Best Neuter—Dong, SP, Eddie Splock.

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Beth

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breed of animal down to timid, weak little
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 seventeen-month old winning females are now
 smaller than what two or three years ago was
 termed a "medium" sized five-month-old kitten.
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 fine Siamese in competition and will in time
 bring exhibits down in number to such a degree
 that cat shows will be of little interest to spec-
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The male judge remarked that when he picked
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 structure, but a well-built, well-fed, healthy cat,
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 looking Siamese up and said she wished breeders
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 is to closely follow spectators at shows and
 quietly listen to the comments about the adult
 cats displayed or . . . to be on the receiving end
 of countless inquiries of buyers and to be one
 who listens almost daily to tear dripping com-
 plaints of exhibitors.

I once heard a man who had just returned
 from spending two years in the native land of
 the Siamese cats exclaim over the beauty of a
 handsome male but, said, "He is too small."

This tom weighed about ten pounds at the
 time, still I had seen many judges give him
 second instead of first award acclaiming him too
 large! This same man explained to me that in
 their native country the Siamese weigh from
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 come under the ten pound mark.

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At a January 12 meeting at the Home of Mrs. Molly Brennan, the Connecticut Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFF), laid plans for and All Breed Show with Longhair and Shorthair Specialties to be held at the Bond Hotel in Hartford, Conn., November 3-4, 1956. The club will use its own thirty-inch cages just purchased, and will announce judges at a later date.

New Golden West Trophy

The Golden West Cat Club has announced that it will donate a trophy to each show held within a radius of ninety miles of San Francisco. The trophy, to be donated in the club name, will be awarded to the best novice in the All Breed Show.

Mrs. Collins Resigns Atlantic Post

Mrs. Elsie M. Collins, Treasurer of the Atlantic Cat Club, Inc., after many years of faithful service has asked to be allowed to relinquish her post, and it is with deepest regret that the Club must accept her resignation.

—Mrs. R. A. Wilkinson, President

1957 Atlantic Show Scheduled

The Atlantic Cat Club, Inc. (CFF) has voted to hold its next annual show on January 10 and 11, 1957. Full details will be announced later this year.

Dallas ACFA Judging School & Merit Shows

The Second ACFA Judging School was held in Dallas, Texas, Nov. 11, 1955, in conjunction with the North Texas Cat Club and American National Cat Club Double Merit Championship Shows November 12, 13, 1955. Faculty members were: Mr. Middleton; Price Cross, president of A.C.F.A., of Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. R. G. Wolfgang, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. June Williams of San Gabriel, Calif.; Mrs. Isabel Meador of Castro Valley, Calif.; Mrs. LaVona Wright of Downey, Calif., and Mrs. Hope Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio. Everyone on the faculty is a cat breeder, exhibitor or judge of long standing and recognized ability. Seventeen members of ACFA attended the school either as part of the qualification for a judge's license or to increase their knowledge of cat standards of excellence and of how better to achieve excellence.

The informal discussions and question and answer periods on various breeds and show techniques were very valuable. It is assumed at all ACFA judging schools that the participants are already fanciers of some experience, but the schools are set up to be of value to any interested cat breeder or exhibitor.

The Double Merit Shows were the showcases for several other innovations of the ACFA. In Merit Shows the judge makes out a score card for each cat and a copy is given the owner. This gives the owner, in writing, an idea of how good his cat is and where, in the judge's opinion, it fails to meet the standard. Exhibitors



ACFA Judges June Williams and LaVona Wright on the Bench at The Dallas Show. HAP Pierson Photos.

at the Dallas shows were enthusiastic over receiving the merit scores and were generous in their praise of the new method.

Another benefit of the point scoring system is the assurance that in choosing the Best Open, Best Champion or Best of Breed, the judge will not inadvertently put a cat over another cat that previously defeated it in the same show. To exhibitors in a cat show this is always a source of great annoyance.

In some cases the scoring system seems to slow up the judging of the entries. This is only an apparent slowing, however. The keeping of point scores and the use of them in picking the best of all the various divisions cuts the over-all time necessary. The comparison of the 1954 and 1955 shows proved this point to all who had to await the end of judging to start the long drives home.

Inexperience of the clerks and judges in handling this entirely new system produced a few mixups but only a few and the system proved its basic worth. Another feature of ACFA is the opportunity the members have to amend whatever seems amending, either in their breed section or the organization as a whole. One of the things most mentioned was the need for a more detailed breakdown of judging points. As the ACFA was the first association to start giving the exhibitor a chance to see how his cat was judged, it's sure it will not rest until it has the best way to help the exhibitor.

The greatest need of ACFA is time and opportunity to prove its worth. The amazing growth and acceptance by the fancy indicates that it will have plenty of opportunity, and the growing list of accomplishments indicates that time will bring even greater achievements.

—H. A. Pierson

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Lillian Magner's Ammon Ra Cattery was listed incorrectly in the January Directory under "Longhairs." The proper listings are Abyssinians and Siamese.

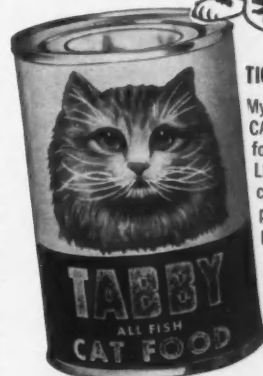
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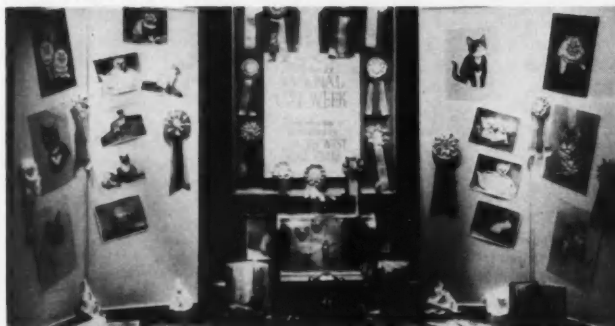
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NATIONAL CAT WEEK WINDOW BY GOLDEN WEST CLUB

The Golden West Cat Club of San Francisco arranged and sponsored this window at the San Francisco Examiner during NCW



The Back Fence . . .

March is here again with her biting winds, gray skies and always the hint of snow in the air. Makes a warm friendly home twice as dear—and very necessary. Everyone is glad for a haven against the Ides of March, 'cept some poor little unwanted kitten or cat who made the dreadful mistake of being born. All over the country gentle people are doing Herculean tasks of organizing and planning so that some March in the year of our Lord knows when, each animal will have a door that will open into a home where it is welcome.

In Winnebago County, Wisconsin, there is no shelter for animals. Mr. & Mrs. Anda of 595 Bowen Street, Oshkosh, are spending a prodigious amount of time and energy to build one there. There Oshkosh Youth Council members are helping the Humane Society to raise money and to create interest in the project. Up to now, and until they succeed in their effort, strays and injured animals are taken into the Society's members' homes until owners can be found for them. We hope that everyone who is warm and well-fed and loved will respond to their requests.

Of course, all wee beasties can't live the life of Princess Mickey, pet of Mrs. Evelyn Adams of New York. The Princess was the first feline ever to appear on television and that was away back in 1948. A photographer's delight they called her. She as a Conover model—complete with gold medals and even a crown that was presented to her at the Women's International Exposition when it was held in New York. Fanny Hurst, the novelist, and other famous women paid her homage in her day. But fame and fortune couldn't cure a lung ailment and the Princess passed on to even greener fields at the age of nine.

Repeating that all cats do not have it so plush, down Mexico way they don't seem to really mind. One of the most popular features of Alameda, a park in Mexico City is a colony of cats who seem to fare quite well without being pampered. They include Angoras, stub-tailed Manx, Tobolsky Reds, Carthusians and Cape of Good Hope Blues. There is even a representative of a Chinese type, with long soft hair and poodle-like ears. The Pan American Union reports that the cats are all quite fat, evidence that visitors see that they are well fed. The cats use the basement of the park's Kiosk as their "residence". The shelter is only used as a protection against rain as these park cats prefer to sleep on the benches purring in the balmy night air.

Ah, to be in Mexico now that winter is *HERE*. The traveler who may not make it south of the border, but who does get to London may now take a turn in Hyde Park with Pussy sans risk of

visiting the local police station. There has been a longtime rule, just removed, restricting cats from the park. The "why" of the rule has been lost in the shades of the past. Most likely explanation is the park offered sanctuary for the sparrows. At any rate, the Ministry of Works has just opened 635 acres of grass and trees to the Feline Habitues of London.

Wouldn't Madam Bardeau have a fine time if she could hie to Hyde. At the nonce she lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee, but very frequently her passion for peregrination rules her life. Her name is a password for blocks, yea, even for miles from her home. "Oh, you mean Madam Bordeaux" is a familiar phrase all around Chattanooga. Her owners vow that she sometimes returns with the tourist-like air of someone who couldn't have been doing anything but sight-seeing. They will likely pay any due-bill a transit company might send them. Many times when out riding they encounter the Madam blocks from home and offer her a ride home. She generally thanks them, politely hops in. They have decided she doesn't make all her pilgrimages by foot. She accepts overnight, even weekend, invitations from the neighbors and enjoys simply anybody's parties anywhere in the neighborhood. She meets new friends that way, you see. Although her family got her so they could enjoy a homebody-type pet, they wisely do not allow themselves to become disturbed. They do like to know just where she is.

According to Elizabeth Zwart in the *Des Moines Tribune*, there is a short-haired white cat with one blue eye and one amber eye that could make the Madam hang her head at his record of traveling. His name is Chiisai and he belongs to Major General W. P. Shepard and Mrs. Shepard. General Shepard, just retired, recently served as Chief of Joint Military Aid to Turkey and for almost three years all three have lived in Ankara. Leaving Turkey the Shepards could have flown home on a government plane, fare free, but the cat could not have been allowed aboard. General Shepard did accept the free ride. Mrs. Shepard paid \$600.00 plane fare, plus another \$53.00 for Chiisai's privilege to ride on her lap in his Abercrombie & Fitch carrier. Friends asking about the General's reaction to the high cost of transporting a cat found that the General arranged the entire thing. He loves the cat.

The Shepards got their traveler four years ago when they were in need of a mouser. A sergeant who had been the General's orderly in Japan and Korea promptly named the six-week-old white kitten, Chiisai which means Small One in Japanese.

Chiisai was treated royally in Turkey. There is a story that a big white cat once

saved Mohammed from a snake while the prophet was at prayer and Chiisai being a big white cat had it made. Mrs. Shepard had the experience, (that is the rule, over there) of a driver taking a ditch rather than hit a cat.

Before returning to America, Chiisai tried to repay the Turks for such devotion. He reckoned among his wives, cats belonging to the German Embassy, the Greek Embassy, and also a British captain. All of his progeny, they say, were white with bright blue eyes. One way of cementing international relations.

In the *Dallas News* there was an item that tied cats in with human behavior. The Robertson boys, Charles and Bill, Jr., have a cat named Marlon Brando who has been dining from an aluminum dish for longer than the cat remembers. Mrs. Robertson heard a great commotion in the garage a few nights ago and went out to investigate.

She found that Marlon had killed a large field mouse and dragged it home. He found his pan overturned. As Mrs. Robertson watched, Marlon worked until he had the dish righted, then he plopped his mouse in it and settled own for a meal as befits a cat wise in the ways of men. A parable on the state of mankind. Man tries to live decently with the trappings of civilization but the instincts will not let him. He drives carefully on the way home but can not resist the need to beat the fellow next to him away from the traffic light. He cherishes dreams of the brotherhood of man but can not stand to see a rival win in his United Nations.

So does man, and cat, do the best he can, trying to reconcile his instincts with the vessel of his civilization into something that looks reasonably presentable.

From Chicago to Texas people are reading about Tabby, the mouser of the First Methodist Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. At a recent board meeting, the question of retirement for the cat was brought up. The reason given was not old age as might be suggested, but the fact that the cat was prone to wander about the pulpit to check on things even when there were guest ministers. The motion met with much discussion pro and con. Some one suggested she be caged during guest appearances. That failed when no one volunteered to be chairman in charge of caging the cat. It was mentioned that since a member of the congregation had donated \$10.00 toward an operation to reduce the number of First Methodist kittens mothered by the church cat, this same person may claim ownership. Although the donor was known to several board members they refused to identify him.

After heated discussion it was put to a vote. A chorus of "Ayes" from those in favor of retirement was matched by an equal chorus of "Nayes" from those opposed. The Rev. Mr. McKelvey then asked for a showing of hands and it was

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then that Tabby's fate as custodian of organ mice was doomed. Nineteen to eighteen for retirement.

Twice while he was governor of Illinois, Adlai Stevenson had the intestinal fortitude to veto bills to prevent cats from wandering loose in that state. On one of these occasions he held that "It is the nature of cats to do a certain amount of unescorted roaming". The present Governor Wm. G. Stratton has also been instrumental in defeating this type of anti-personal liberty legislation, so cats in Illinois have been having a hard time in general without having a member of the species specifically sat upon by the board of stewards. The Abilene Texas Reporter-News suggests that Mr. Stevenson drop his campaigning long enough to offer his services at attorney in behalf of Ellen Ely's retired feline.

And so it goes in March. It's an ill wind that blows nobody good.—J. L.

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